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FOLLOWING GABORONE 1818 SENT ACTION SECSTATE SEP 28;

REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T GABORONE 1818

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/UK MEETING WITH KAUNDA AND KHAMA

I MET THIS EVENING WITH ROWLANDS (ACCOMPANIED BY DUFF),  
KHAMA (ACCOMPANIED BY FOMIN MOGWE) AND KAUNDA (ACCOMPANIED BY CHONA).  
ON BASIS STATE 240096 AND 240578 I OPEND WITH FORCEFUL STATEMENT  
OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT LUSAKA MEETING AND DECLARATION OF FIVE  
PRESIDENTS. NEITHER PRESIDNE REPLIED FORCEFULLY. KAUNDA CONTENTED  
HIMSELF WITH STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION WAS WITHIN  
FRAMEWORK OF PROPOSALS WE HAD DISCUSSED. KHAMA EMPHASIZED  
INHIBITIONS IMPOSED BY DIFFICULTY OF BRINGING ALONG ALL  
FACTIONS AMONG NATIONALISTS.

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I CLOSED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION BY STRESSING THAT MAJOR  
CONSIDERATION NOW IS TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO CONFERENCE TABLE  
AND NOT PROVIDE ANY EXCUSE FOR SMITH TO GET OFF THE HOOK.  
ROWLANDS THEN EXPLAINED THAT UK IS SYMPATHETIC TO AFRICAN PRESIDENTS  
CALL FOR CONFERENCE CHAIRED BY UK. HOWEVER HE WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER  
NATIONALIST TEAM COULD BE PRODUCED WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE

KAUNDA ANSWERED UNEUQIVOCABLY THAT, SINCE BRITISH ROLE  
SATISIFIED UNEASINESS OF MANY NATIONALIST, AFRICAN TEAM WOULD BE  
ABLE TO MEET WITH EUROPEANS UNDER BRITISH CHAIRMAN.

ROWLANDS THEN ASKED IF IT UNDERSTOOD THAT CONFERENCE WOULD DEAL  
ONLY WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT. UK WOULD BE PREPARED  
TO CALL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE LATER TO FINISH CONSTITUTIONAL  
PROCESS IF INTERIM GOVERNMENT WISHED TO DO SO. BOTH PRESIDENT  
AGREED BUT SAID THIS COULD BE MANDATORY UNDER THEIR UNDER-  
STANDING OF BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES, ROWLANDS  
DID NOT DEMUR.

FINALLY ROWLAND BROUGHT UP WHETHER THERE WAS ACCAPTAANCE OF  
THE CONCEPT OF COUNCIL OF STATE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EVEN  
THOUGH DETAILS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN MEETINGS BETWEEN  
EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS. AFTER DISCUSSION OF UK ROLE BOTH  
AGREED THAT THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE. ONE FACTOR, INTERESTINGLY, ENOUGH,  
WHICH WAS REASSURING TO THEM WAS FACT THAT QUEEN WOULD APPOINT  
COUNCIL OF STATE EHICH THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD.  
DURING THIS PART OF DISCUSSION KAUNDA STATED HIS PERSONAL  
PREFERENCE FOR BRITISH CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF STATE.

ROWLANDS HAD TENDENCY TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL THUS RIASING  
POSSIBILITY OF OBJECTIONS WHICH DUFF AND I CONTINUALLY HEADED OFF.  
I FINALLY CONCLUDED ONE DISCUSSION ON DETAILS BY POINTING OUT THAT  
INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND EVEN SITTING DOWN AT TABLE TO A CERTAIN  
EXTENT, CREATED A PROCESS FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK  
WHICH RECEIVED EMPHATIC ENDORSEMENT OF DUFF AND KAUNDA.  
ROWLANDS, WHO PLANS VISIT DAR ES SALAAM, CONCLUDED BY ASIING IF HE  
SHOULD SEE MACHEL. BOTH KAUNDA AND KHAMA AGREED HE SHOULD AND  
MENTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF MENTIONING "CHISSANO" FORMULA WHICH, YO  
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RECALL, WAS ONE OF NYERERE'S POINTS.

I CONCLUDED MEETING BY REITERATING NEED FOR SPEEDY, PROGRESS AND  
EMPHACIZED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD RETRAIN FROM MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT  
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WICH CAN CREATE UNCONSTRUCTIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE,  
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DETAILS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

THIS POINT.

COMMENT: I THOUGHT MEETING WAS USEFUL BUT WILL PLAN TO SEE KAUNDA,  
ESPECIALLY, ON SEPARATE OCCASION WHEN I CAN ALSO RAISE NAMIBIA.  
DESPITE ROWLANDS' TENDENCY TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL AND TO ATTEMPT  
TO PIN DOWN KAUNDA AND KHAMA TOO MUCH, I FOUND THE BRITISH  
PUSHING HARDER THAN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. CERTAINLY THEY GAVE  
KAUNDA AND KHAMA EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT UK IS PREPARED  
TO GO AHEAD ON CHAIRING CONFERENCE. ALBERTI UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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